




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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MOTION

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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (12.26 pm): I rise to oppose the motion moved by the Minister for Communities and Minister for Disability Services and Seniors. It is unbelievable that the Labor government members come up to North Queensland, when they cannot even talk about their record and they are trying to go back in time seven years. They obviously have nothing to talk about in relation to their record over the last five years. They cannot even talk about the future.

It is a pleasure to follow the member for Murrumba because, when we are talking about who should apologise, it is this government that should be apologising to people in the gallery for Labor's debt, which will be \$90 billion by 2022-23. That will be \$16,500 for every man, woman and child in Queensland. The intergenerational debt this Labor government is leaving for those Queenslanders is an absolute disgrace. There will be an interest bill of \$10 million a day. Think of what \$10 million could buy in relation to infrastructure in North Queensland when it comes to services such as investing in roads, hospitals or schools in North Queensland.

Seasonally adjusted, unemployment here in Queensland is 6.4 per cent. At various times we have seen Queensland at either the bottom or second bottom of the league table when it comes to unemployment. Regional youth unemployment has been well and truly over 20 per cent. Unemployment in outback Queensland has been at 50 per cent. Over the last two years Queenslanders have been slugged with \$3.5 billion in extra taxes, fees and charges. When I go around Queensland talking to community and legal centres they talk about fair indexed funding. They consistently say that those community and legal centres are not getting the required funding under the Palaszczuk Labor government. That is before we get to the Ombudsman's report in relation to Forensic Disability Services. What an absolute disgrace when it comes to corporate and clinical governance failure under this minister's watch. There will certainly be more said about that in the not-too-distant future.

When it comes to health, what about Labor's PPP program going back to the Beattie and Bligh Labor governments? There was the fake Tahitian prince episode, the \$1.2 billion payroll fiasco and the Jayant Patel debacle as well. This government is anti mining, anti resources and anti regions. We have seen their duplicity when it comes to resource projects. It is only the Labor government that sold assets here in Queensland. There has been a litany of sales under former Labor governments: Queensland Motorways, Queensland Rail, Brisbane Airport, Forestry Plantations, Port of Brisbane and the list goes on and on. Crime in Townsville is out of control.

Mrs Frecklington: Labor sells assets!

Dr ROWAN: Labor sells assets. This government has clearly failed Queenslanders, and it is the Palaszczuk Labor government that should be apologising to Queenslanders.